

If you followed the [quickstartguide](#) you now have a configured environment ready to test your first Action.

Make a new Action, implementing `net.sourceforge.javajax.JavajaxAction` interface and place it in the action package specified in `web.xml`.

Since your class will be something like `my.very.nested.package.MyOldFashionActionClass`, and since the URL to call this class depends on the class name, maybe we want to bind the class to a smarter name. Here the `UrlBinding` annotation come in hands.

Place it before the class declaration: `@UrlBinding("MyAction")`.

All the "callable" methods in the action MUST be "protected", this way we can put in a first method like this:

```
protected Response helloUser(){
...
}
```

Since we want the method to greet the caller, we must put an input parameter:

```
protected Response helloUser(Param("name") String userName){
...
}
```

The annotation `Param` will inform the framework to bind the request parameter "name" to the method parameter "userName". Since we want to force the user to tell us his/her name, we can make it mandatory and inform the framework what to do when a validation error occurs:

```
@OnError("myPage.jsp") // return to the same page
```

```
protected Response helloUser(@Param(value="name", mandatory=true) String userName){  
    ...  
}
```

Now we have all the information to greet the user:

```
@OnError("myPage.jsp") // return to the same page  
protected Response helloUser(@Param(value="name", mandatory=true) String userName){  
  
    return new StringResponse("Hello " + userName);  
}
```

Now it is time to call this method. Make a new jsp page, create a form with a text input and two buttons: one to call it with ajax, one to submit the form.

```
<form name="hello" action="MyAction.helloUser.page">
```

```
Name: <input type="text" name="name">
```

```
<input type="button" value="Ajax call" onclick="makeCall(this)">
```

```
<input type="submit" value="Page call">
```

```
</form>
```

for the Ajax part we need some javascript to make the call, so put the function in the `<script>` section:

```
<script>
```

```
makeCall = function(formElement) {  
    var url = "MyAction.helloUser.ajax";
```

```
var caller = new AjaxCaller(  
  formElement,  
  {  
    onSuccess: function(transport){ alert(transport.responseText); }  
  });  
  
caller.send(url);  
};
```

```
</script>
```

Don't forget to include Prototype.js and javajax.js before this script.

For error displaying, we can use the tag

```
<javajax:errors/>
```

For error field highlighting we can use the jsp tag

```
<javajax:highlighther form="hello"/>
```

The framework will assign the class "errorfield" to the fields with validation errors, so just make a style definition for that class

```
<style>
```

```
.errorfield {  
  
border:1px solid red;  
  
background:#FFEEAA;  
  
}  
  
</style>
```

Now its time to push those buttons!

[Download](#) the source code for this example.